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## Marines save Okinawan woman's life

SSGT JASON M. WEBB  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — For helping to save an Okinawan woman's life, three Marines received letter of appreciation and commemorative gifts from Urasoe City Police Superintendent Chief, Hiroshi Fustao, Wednesday.

A car hit the woman Feb. 26 on Highway 58 across from Camp Kinser's gate three.

After witnessing the accident, the off-duty Marines rushed to the scene and began first aid while directing traffic around the woman. The woman was knocked unconscious

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SSGT JASON M. WEBB  
LCpl Nicholas A. Boxey, Patrolman, MCB PMO MCAS Futenma, stands at attention while Hiroshi Fustao, Superintendent Chief Of Police, Urasoe Station, reads the letter of appreciation presented to LCpl Boxey for his involvement in providing first aid to an Okinawan woman who was hit and injured by a car in Urasoe City Feb. 26.

## Drivers cautioned to avoid accidents

### Careless driving is the number one cause of increased accidents

CPL CHAD SWAIM  
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**CAMP FOSTER** — The number of traffic accidents involving III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Bases Japan personnel rose to 3,384 during the 2000 calendar year.

This is an increase of 13 more accidents than 1999.

"The most common type of accident involved two cars with minor damage," said GySgt Joe A. Grabman, Staff Non-commissioned Officer in Charge, Accident Investigations Office, Marine Corps Base. The majority occurred off base and not in a parking lot.

The number one cause of accidents in 2000 occurred through careless driving such as following too close and inattentiveness. This caused over 200 more accidents than the second leading cause, failure to yield.

There was also a 33 percent increase in accidents involving injuries.

"People should be aware of their surroundings and what's happening

around them," said GySgt Randy L. Walz, Chief Investigator AIO, MCB.

Traffic on Okinawa is typically congested, which warrants extra caution in navigating the streets.

Drivers are recommended to start their day by considering the factors in Operational Risk Management and asking themselves how they might avoid getting into an accident on their way to work.

"If they think of ORM when they leave their quarters and make a plan of wearing their seat belt, driving the speed limit or not following cars too closely, they will probably get to work unscathed," said GySgt Grabman.

For most service members on Okinawa, driving is the single most dangerous thing they will do during the day.

"People take driving as a common aspect of life they don't see it as dangerous," GySgt Grabman said.

No matter how much damage is done in an accident, Status of Forces Agreement personnel are required to report it to the AIO.

"It doesn't matter if it's a minor or major accident," said GySgt Walz. "It could be just a little scratch but they still need to report it to the authorities."

SOFA status personnel involved in  
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## III MEF CG directs vehicle inspections

SGT ROBERT J. ANGUS  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP COURTNEY** — III Marine Expeditionary Force Commanding General, LtGen Earl B. Hailston, has directed an inspection of all privately-owned vehicles belonging to Marines and Department of Defense civilians and contractors working on Camps under his command.

The inspections are being conducted under the guidance of the III MEF Safety Office to ensure vehicles are operating safely and follow the rules and regulations outlined in Japanese Law and Marine Corps Orders, according to John D. Williams, III MEF Safety Officer.

"We're not conducting these inspections to inconvenience anyone," Williams said. "We're inspecting vehicles to ensure the safety of our III MEF family. That's our concern."

The inspections are also being conducted in an attempt to de-  
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**Report traffic violations at 645-7441/7442**



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crease the number of traffic accidents involving III MEF personnel, according to LtGen Hailston.

"In the two years I've been here, we've taken steps to reduce the number of accidents," LtGen Hailston said. "But we still average four or more a day. We must reduce this number as it is too much of a burden on our Okinawan hosts. I hope personnel take these inspections in the positive way they are meant ... to help ensure we are driving the safest vehicles possible."

Both scheduled and random inspections will ensure vehicle's tires have proper tread and that headlights, windshield wipers, signals, brakes, mirrors and windows are all operational. It also requires vehicle operators to show proof of Japanese Compulsory Insurance, American insurance and valid driver's license. Vehicles must also contain proper safety devices including flares and reflective road hazard signs.

Using checklists issued by III MEF Safety Office, unit safety representatives will conduct these inspections and annotate any violations, according to Williams. III MEF Safety Office personnel will also conduct random inspections at various on-base locations islandwide.

"If mechanical discrepancies are found while conducting inspections, the individuals will be given 15 days to correct the problems," Williams said. "Drivers found without proper insurance or valid drivers license will be ordered to park their vehicle and will not be authorized to operate it again until the proper documentation is shown."

Once discrepancies found during unit-held or random inspections are corrected, vehicle owners are required to report back to the unit inspector or III MEF Safety Office for verification, according to Williams.

Personnel whose vehicles pass inspection will be given a document stating this to keep in the vehicle. This document should be shown to random inspection



SGT ROBERT J. ANGUS  
Capt Kevin Cagle, Deputy Safety Officer, III MEF, inspects III MEF Commanding General LtGen Earl B. Hailston's car to ensure the car is fit to be on the road.

tion site personnel to avoid an additional inspections however, III MEF Safety personnel still have the authority to conduct another inspection if deemed necessary, according to Williams.

For more information on the inspections, contact the III MEF Safety Office at 622-7763 or MCB Safety Office at 646-3806.

## Vehicle Checklist

One of the more overlooked aspects of vehicle safety is preventive practices. Every month numerous vehicle accidents occur on Okinawa.

Many of us are driving privately owned vehicles that are not road worthy and in many cases are temporarily altered so that a JCI inspection could be passed. Take the time and use the following quick hit checklist utilized during random gate checks.

### Administrative Items Inspected

- Vehicle Registration
- Base Decal
- JCI

- Road Tax
- American Insurance
- SOFA License

### Functional Items Inspected

- Seatbelts
- Headlights
- Tail lights
- Hazard flashers
- Turn signals
- Windshield
- Windows
- Windshield wipers
- Tires (inflation, minimum 1/16" tread height)
- Mirrors (sides, rearview)
- Road flare

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accidents are required to stop immediately, identify themselves, notify the Japanese police and the nearest military law enforcement authority. If personnel involved in an accident aren't aware of which jurisdiction

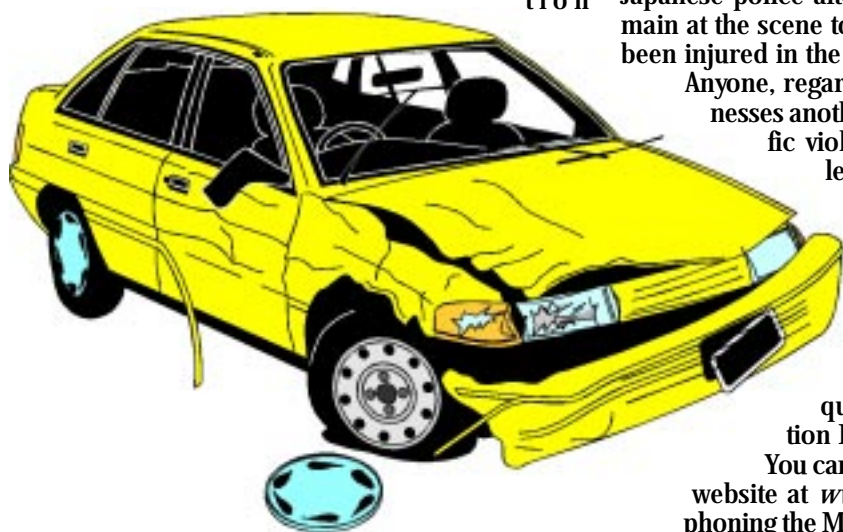
they are in, the AIO can help them find out which police department to call.

"We can help them find out where they're at and who the appropriate people are to call," said GySgt Grabman. "But, it's their responsibility to notify the Japanese police after the accident and also to remain at the scene to assist anyone who might have been injured in the crash."

Anyone, regardless of rank or status that witnesses another individual committing a traffic violation, such as speeding, careless or reckless driving may report it to the Military Police.

All you are required to do is record the license plate number, the time, date and location of the violation and provide a brief description of the incident. You will also be required to fill out a Traffic Violation Report.

You can do this by linking onto the MCB website at [www.mcbbutler.usmc.mil](http://www.mcbbutler.usmc.mil) or by phoning the Military Police at 645-7441/7442.



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and had injuries to her hip and ribs.

According to LCpl Frederick S. Gladle, operations clerk, Marine Corps Base PMO, he was driving his car from Naha Airport with two other Marines, LCpls Joseph A. Marler, desk sergeant, and Nicholas A. Boxey, patrolman, both from MCB PMO Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, when he saw the accident happen in front of him.

While stopped at a red light, LCpl Gladle saw the woman running across the intersection in the pedestrian crosswalk when a car turning southbound hit her. The woman flipped over the car's hood to the pavement.

"I didn't see the accident until LCpl Gladle said that a woman just got hit," said LCpl Marler. "I was thinking a two-car accident, but then I looked behind the guy's car that hit her, and I saw her lying on the ground."

According to LCpl Boxey, the woman didn't respond to anything when they first arrived, and she was completely unconscious.

"As soon as we directed traffic around her, Gladle made sure she had a pulse and was breathing," LCpl Marler said. "He also made sure her neck wasn't going to move anywhere in case she may have broken her neck."

Even though the Marines couldn't communicate in Japanese to the people standing around them, they managed to get an ambulance and local police called to the scene within 15 minutes.

They also contacted an interpreter from Camp Kinser to assist them when they talked to the police about the accident.

"It was the longest 15 minutes of my life," added LCpl Gladle who attributes his annual first aid and CPR training to his effective assessment of the near fatal collision.

During the presentation, Fusato read through an interpreter, the words printed on the framed letter of appreciation.

"You and your colleagues took rescue measures to a victim who was lying on the ground after a traffic accident on Highway 58 at Urasoe City area," he said. "You properly controlled the traffic smoothly and secured the scene. Your close cooperation resulted in the preservation of public safety and is greatly appreciated."

"A lot of people would just drive by and not get involved, but they handled the situation very well and very professionally," said GySgt James A. Gilley, Accident Investigation Section, MCB PMO. "I'm really proud of them."

## Reporting traffic violations

A Traffic Violation Report (TVR) is a means where anyone can report, deter, and identify those few individuals who insist on driving carelessly. Anyone who witnesses an act of unsafe driving and wishes to report it can initiate a TVR.

TVRs can be used to report both on and off base incidents. Only SOFA "Y", "A", or "E" plated vehicles can be reported via a TVR.

Once a TVR is received, the Traffic Court Section notifies the offender of the date and time of the traffic court hearing. For this process to work the following information is required:

- Date, time, and location of the incident.
- Description of the vehicle and plate number.
- Description of the driver.
- Any other particulars that will assist in identifying the correct vehicle and driver.
- A description of the violation and the circumstances involved.

# Website helps families with special needs

*DoD provides information for military families with medical educational needs on internet*

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WASHINGTON — Need to know if your next duty station can accommodate a handicapped family member? If so, you can now turn to the Internet for information. Go to <http://mfrf.calib.com/snn> DoD's Special Needs Network. This website for military families with special medical or educational needs went on line Jan. 24.

Rebecca Posante, a Program Analyst at DoD's Office of Educational Opportunity, initiated the site to provide access to information and resources. She said she told Web designers to keep things simple.

"Our people have a hard time downloading, especially overseas," she explained. "I've gone into a couple Websites that are so intensive that I just turned them off."

So don't expect elaborate graphics or streaming video, she said. The site features simple design and straightforward point-and-click access to information. Menu options include assignment coordination, federal and state programs, and health and education. Other menu topics include relocation, community support, advocacy and resources.

Posante said the site would help service members and their families research assignments and contact care coordinators and service providers. She called "special needs" an umbrella term for a wide range of services everything from assignment and coordination, to family support, to special education.

DoD has no formal special needs program, but the military puts a great deal of effort into families with special needs, Posante told the American Forces Press Service. For instance, each service has an Ex-

ceptional Family Member Program to coordinate assignments and to provide information and referrals to families with special needs, she noted.

"The services take educational and medical needs into consideration when assigning families overseas," she said. "For example, if a service member going overseas has a wife who's in a wheelchair, we would try to find a place where facilities are wheelchair-accessible. In some overseas locations, U.S. facilities might be, but community facilities might not be."

By the same token, military officials would try to assign a service member with a blind child to a location overseas that has a teacher who specializes in working with visually impaired children. Each service has at least one such location, Posante said.

For stateside assignments, the military Exceptional Family Member programs are concerned mainly with medical needs, she said.

Unfortunately, available support varies from base to base because no standard exists, she said. Posante intends the Special Needs Network to complement available services and to help those who work with special needs families to identify information and resources.

The new Web site also provides access to a confidential members' network where families and service providers can chat and exchange information. Users must register by providing their names, e-mail addresses and "screen" names that identify their messages and allow other members to respond.

"The members' network will allow people to raise issues with others who might have the kind of information we may never have. Like, 'I'm moving to Fort Lewis, Wash., and I need a dentist for my 5-year-old autistic child.'"

While most people wouldn't know any dentists with that specialty, another family in the same boat might, she said. Or someone with a Downs Syndrome child might be moving to an area and want to know about local advocacy groups and support programs, she remarked.

Site visitors can also use the members' network

to ask another family with special needs to serve as "tour guides" when they relocate. "It's always your decision whether to share your e-mail with other members," Posante stressed.

The network will automatically send interested members news about various issues. "People will be able to subscribe so that they will be alerted if something new comes up," she said.

A Web section on state and federal programs will include requirements for such programs as Supplemental Security Income, food stamps and WIC. "We want to link to other Websites that can answer questions," she said. "That's something I hope is going to grow, because even federal Websites don't have the state-specific information that we might want."

In her quest for a site that's fast and easy to use, Posante said, the links don't just go to other agencies' Web home pages. Instead, links jump directly to the information pages that users request.

Eventually, Posante said, she hopes to include a section for civilian personnel. "Say you were considering going overseas and one of your family members has multiple sclerosis. The job announcement, perhaps, might direct you to this Web site. You could learn about the health care available at various overseas locations," she said.

She called the Web site a work in progress. "I think families are going to tell us about services that we're not aware of and that we can link to," she said. "It will just keep growing."

In addition to the chat network, visitors can use an e-mail form on the site to send recommendations, links and information.



## Scholarship for future career in public service

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 AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — Students considering a career in local, state or federal government could earn up to \$1,000 for college through the Public Service Scholarship Program.

The program is offered by the Public Employees Roundtable, a non-profit organization here that promotes interest in public service careers, said program coordinator Jocelyn C. Travers.

"The scholarship program is targeted toward bright and talented college students who plan to pursue a career in public service," said Travers, who added that 10 to 12 \$500 and \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded this year. The \$500 scholarships, she noted, will be awarded to part-time graduate students.

Deadline for applications is May 18, Travers said. Undergraduate and graduate students can apply. Applicants must have a 3.5 grade point average in all college work and are required to submit a two-page essay

discussing their specific career goals and vision for the future.

She said preference is provided to applicants who have prior public service or volunteer experience. Scholarships will be awarded in late July.

The Public Employees Roundtable has awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships in the past 16 years, she said. Corporate and member donations and grants fund the program, she added.

The roundtable is also involved with the annual Public Service Recognition Week, May 7-13 this year. The week honors the men and women who serve as federal, state and local government employees, Travers said. Last year, she noted, activities were held in 1,400 cities in the United States and overseas.

In the Washington area, exhibits and information booths on the National Mall will highlight this year's Public Service Recognition Week, Travers said. Various state, city, federal, county and international government agencies will be represented.

"We want to educate citizens about opportunities in public service. Our scholarship program and Public Service Recognition Week activities help to do that," Travers concluded.

To obtain scholarship information and an application form, visit the roundtable Web site at [www.the-roundtable.org](http://www.the-roundtable.org).

## MARFORSOUTH looks for spanish-speaking Marines to send to Miami

SGT CHET DECKER  
 MARINE FORCES SOUTH

MIAMI — U.S. Marine Corps Forces South, the component headquarters to the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Southern Command, is looking for a few good Spanish-speaking Marines in a variety of Military Occupational Specialties.

Marine Corps Forces South fills 18 billets on a six-month rotating basis throughout South America. Twelve of these billets are in Iquitos, Peru, at the Joint Peruvian Riverine Training Center, where U.S. service members assist in the training of Peruvian service members in conventional riverine operations.

"The Marine Corps can screen those interested for eligibility," said LtCol Albert A. Estrada, Riverine Support Team officer-in-charge. "Here, we have Marines on their first enlistment on up through master sergeant."

Boat platoon experience is not required for all of these assignments. In fact, a majority of the Marines in Iquitos fill supporting roles, including administration,

supply and communications.

Additionally, Bolivia, Colombia and Honduras offer a number of billets for officers.

To become a Spanish-qualified speaker, Marines must pass the Defense Language Proficiency Test, which is administered by most education offices aboard Marine Corps installations. The test consists of listening, multiple choice questioning and reading comprehension.

Marines interested in filling a billet in Latin America should notify their chain of command before contacting their base or station education office, for language testing. Marines may also contact U.S. Marine Corps Forces South at (305) 437-2600/2601 or DSN prefix 567 for more information.



# MLC mechanic awarded best of Marine Corps Base

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — A master labor contract employee with Motor Transport Branch, Marine Corps Base, was recognized as overall Best Mechanic during a ceremony here Feb. 23.

Norishige Higa, Motor Vehicle Mechanic, MTB, MCB, was competitively selected over seven other nominees as Best Mechanic in 2000. Higa, who has been working for the Marine Corps since September 1966, is the second recipient of the title, which was created two years ago.

"He was chosen as the Best Mechanic because of his strong work ethic and an unequaled knowledge of heavy vehicle maintenance," said MSgt Donny R. Price, Maintenance Chief, MTB, MCB. "He spends the majority of his time working on numerous fire trucks, buses and refuelers that come through the maintenance facility. With almost 35 years of experience, he also spends a good portion of his day passing on his vast knowledge to the younger mechanics in the shop."

Higa, who was chosen out of more than 90 MLC mechanics working for MCB, has held many different jobs during his career.

"I started off doing oil changes,

changing tires and other simple jobs like that," said Higa, who works in Shop 4, which is one of eight MTB shops. "Then in 1970, I started working on more complicated engine repairs."

As Higa learned his way around an engine, he was not always the expert he is today.

"I remember doing one of my first electrical rewiring jobs," Higa said. "I thought I had everything right, but when we turned on the vehicle and started using the system it short circuited and caught fire."

Learning from his experiences and other mechanics, Higa has moved on from student to teacher, as he is the most experienced mechanic in the shop.

"I like helping other mechanics learn," said Higa, who enjoys fishing during his off-duty hours. "I have a hands-on approach and like to show them what to do."

Even though he has the most knowledge in his shop, he is still challenged by vehicles like the Marine Corps P-19 Fire Truck when he makes repairs on it.

"The P-19 is a real mysterious vehicle right now," Higa said. "There is always something to challenge me. American vehicles are set up differ-



SGT ROBERT J. ANGUS

Norishige Higa, Motor Vehicle Mechanic, MTB, MCB receives a Certificate of Commendation from BGen Willie J. Williams, CG, MCB, for being selected as 2000 Best Mechanic.

ently than Japanese and the P-19 manual is in English, which makes it difficult to learn. I really enjoy working on it."

The 51-year-old mechanic continues to set the example as the MTB mechanics support MCB and III Marine Expeditionary Force in completing their missions, according to BGen Willie J. Williams, Commanding General, MCB.

"Transportation is critical to all we do," BGen Williams said during an awards ceremony Feb. 23. "We can't

complete our mission without transportation. We're here to recognize the best of the best, a dedicated individual who does great things in all that he does. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and do not go unnoticed."

Also recognized during the ceremony with a Certificate of Commendation were the seven nominees from the other MTB shops: Tsuyoshi Shinzato, Seikin Itoman, Shinichi Wakuta, Moritsune Enokawa, Horofumi Iha, Hajime Ishikawa and Masanori Arakaki.

## Security specialist bakes way into Marine, Okinawan hearts

*Local Marine expresses herself through the culinary arts*

CPL KIMBERLY S. DOWELL  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP HANSEN** — Even in Japan, SSgt Amy L. Allis knows the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. Using her cake decorating talents, she has frosted her way into the hearts of Marines and Okinawans here.

SSgt Allis, originally trained as a food service specialist, currently works as the Assistant Security Manager, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group. In between her duties as a Marine, mother, and wife, she decorates cakes for events ranging from Marine Corps Balls to Christmas parties.

SSgt Allis even decorated four Christmas cakes this season that were delivered to Kin Town community organizations by Col Michael C. O'Neal, Camp Hansen Camp Commander.

She does as much for international relations as some commanders, a grateful Col O'Neal said.

At home, seated at a simple wooden coffee table enjoying a dinner of homemade pizza, SSgt Allis said she began decorating cakes as a child.

"I decorated my first cake when I was five," she said. "It was a Father's Day cake for my dad. I could only draw squiggly lines and leaves. It wasn't the prettiest thing, but it was a start."

The links between SSgt Allis' family and her talents with frosting began with a lot of Christmas cookies.

SSgt Allis describes her three older siblings as being like parents. The age difference between SSgt Allis and her closest sibling is 18 years.

"I was an only child with five parents," she said, taking a bite of pizza. Her laughter is catching, bring-



CPL KIMBERLY S. DOWELL

SSgt Amy L. Allis, Assistant Security Manager, III MEF, concentrates intently as she frosts a child's birthday cake.

testify that the tradition has endured beyond her mother's kitchen table. From the Joint Forces Brig to the Public Affairs bureau here, plates of Christmas goodies appeared around Camp Hansen this year.

"I had my kitchen table covered, the counters covered, the living room table covered ... there were literally cookies everywhere in here," she said.

SSgt Allis' ability to turn some powdered sugar, shortening and milk into edible art preceded her to Okinawa. Marines stationed with her at her last command, Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., who also transferred to Okinawa, told other Marines in their units about her talents in the kitchen.

SSgt Allis was excited by the opportunity to jump right into something she said she loves to do. She im-

ing her husband and guests into her story.

"Mom would let me invite 20 kids to our house and she'd bake hundreds of cookies," SSgt Allis said.

"I never sent Christmas cards," she added. "I'd invite all of these kids over. Mom would make bowls of every color of frosting, and we'd decorate cookies."

Each of SSgt Allis' Marine Corps units can

mediately began putting her talents into Marine Corps Ball celebrations for units on Okinawa.

During the 1997 ball season, she was asked to make a fake cake for a ball ceremony.

"With a fake cake, only the corner they cut the ceremonial slices from is actually cake," she said. "The rest is plywood or Styrofoam covered with frosting."

The following year, the same unit asked her to create the same cake she had made in 1997, not knowing the first cake she made was fake.

"They didn't know I had made a fake cake the second year," she said. "So after the ceremony and dinner, all of these people went to the cake expecting to get a piece. Instead, they had to settle for licking frosting off their fingers."

Smaller projects done for family friends or fellow Marines occupy SSgt Allis' evenings between ball seasons and the holidays.

"I do most of my work late at night," SSgt Allis said, as she produced mixing bowls, food coloring and frosting ingredients from cupboards around the kitchen. "I devote as much of the time I have after work to (my husband) Guy and my kids."

"She can make an entire cake and leave three crumbs on the floor," her husband Guy said. "That's her mess. I look at the sugar container and it's all over the counter."

SSgt Allis uses enlarged pictures taken from coloring books, wrapping paper, greeting cards and even freehand drawings from her husband to create the patterns she uses for her frosting designs.

"Give me a picture and I'll put it on a cake," she said.

For SSgt Allis, satisfaction from her work comes in basic form.

"When you see the look on someone's face after you make them something special like a birthday cake, a wedding cake or a ball cake ... it's all worth it," she said.

## NJP REPORT

The following are alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for Feb. 25-March 2.

### • Underage drinking

A Corporal with III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-3, forfeiture of \$300 per month for two months.

Three Lance Corporals with Battalion Landing Team 1/5, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, were found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of pay ranging from \$283-322 per month for one month and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.

Two Lance Corporals with 7th Communications Battalion, III MEF, were found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$584 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

Two Lance Corporals with 3d Materiel Readiness Battalion, 3d Force Service Support Group, were found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$607 per month for one month and restriction and extra duties for 30 days.

A Lance Corporal with 3d MRB, 3d FSSG, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$584 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

Three Lance Corporals with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, were found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$500 per month for two months and restriction for 60 days.

### • Driving while under the influence of alcohol

A Sergeant with III MEF HG was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of the above offense. Punishment: forfeiture of \$788 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 30 days.

A Corporal with 7th Communications Battalion, III MEF, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of the above offense. Punishment: reduction to E-3, forfeiture of \$653 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

### • Allowing a liberty buddy to consume alcohol under the legal age to do so

Two Lance Corporals with 2d Battalion, 3d Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division, were found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of the above offense. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$500 per month for two months and restriction for 60 days.

## CORRECTIONS

In the Feb. 23 edition of the Okinawa Marine, we inadvertently used Sgt John Sayas' name for the byline of the story "Hero wary of glamour for actions" on page 13. The story was actually written by Sgt Andrew Pomykal from Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Also, on page 12 we incorrectly identified the Marine in a photograph as GySgt Ed Bowers. This individual was actually 1stSgt Michael S. Field, who was quoted in the story on page 3 titled, "New camouflage utilities make way to Okinawa."



LCPL JOSH P. VIERELA

## A giving spirit

Dr. Kenjun Kuba, Mr. Yoshio Oshiro, Dr. Toru Nakamura, Mr. Tsuneaki Tengan and Mr. Yashun Nakamatsu, received letters of appreciation from BGen Willie J. Williams, Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, for their significant contributions to the Holiday Food Voucher Program, Feb. 26. The five men donated a total of \$1,830. The Holiday Food Voucher Program provided coupons for free holiday food items to families of junior enlisted Marines, Sailors and civil service employees.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### MOSC merit scholarships

The Marine Officers' Spouses Club has scholarships available to dependent children of Marines pursuing undergraduate degrees. Applications are available at the Marine Gift Shop located on Camp Foster (behind the base theater) and at Kubasaki and Kadena High School. All applications must be received by April 20.

The competition is open to those who meet the following requirements:

- The dependent child of any rank active duty Marine who is on an accompanied tour in Okinawa.
- The dependent child of any retired Marine living on Okinawa.
- The dependent child of any regular MOSC member as of May 20, 2000.

Applicants must have current Status of Forces Agreement status at time of the award.

For more information, call Anne Woods at 646-2556 or Cheryl Paulsen at 633-1369.

### "Your Corps"

"Your Corps" is a monthly video program produced by Headquarters Marine Corps. It covers the latest issues affecting the Corps today, along with a monthly safety feature and Marine sports segment.

The March edition highlights the new Armored Assault Amphibious Vehicle, the new PCS moving program and the Marine Corps Athletes of the Year.

The show airs daily at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on channel 7.

### NMCRS fund drive raffle

Beginning March 23, the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society will be conducting weekly drawings as part of their fund drive raffle.

Tickets may be purchased for \$3 each from representatives at each Navy and Marine Corps command.

The grand prize for the raffle is a 2001 Ford Explorer donated by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service New Car Sales. The grand prize drawing is

scheduled to take place April 27.

All proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the NMCRS so it can continue to assist Marines and Sailors in time of need.

The raffle is open to all SOFA status personnel.

For more information contact your unit representative or the Okinawa Area Fund Drive Coordinator, Maj. Hobbs, at 645-0956.

### Lost and found items

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If you think that any of these items may belong to you, call the Lost and Found Custodian at 645-7347 to claim them.

### Furniture sale

The Kadena High School Booster Club is hosting a furniture sale inside the school's cafeteria March 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a variety of styles to choose from, including Chosun Korean and Chinese. For more information, call Rose Young at 633-0434.

### Craft time for children

Children of all ages are invited to join in the Saint Patrick's Day fun at the Kadena Air Base United Services Organization office March 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Children can make St. Patrick's Day crafts such as "Shamrock Wands," "Treasure Bags," "Paddy Day Wreaths" and Leprechaun Paper Puppets.

The event is free and open to all SOFA status personnel. For more information, call USO Marketing at 633-4510.

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# Ethics: More than just a card

From the instant we set foot on those famous yellow footprints, we have been molded and shaped around a code of ethics — one made of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

As Marines, our Commandant has ordered us to carry at all times a card with these three words on it, and justly so.

These cards constantly remind us of our priorities as Marines and how to best live our lives serving our God, country and Corps.

It is not, however, simply by carrying this card that makes us Marines.

It is by living it. Having Honor, Courage and Commitment show through in our everyday lives is a worthy goal to strive for, and a worthy challenge to overcome.

As U.S. Marines, our honor comes first because it is our bedrock, the foundation on which our Corps stands firm.

The truth is, without honor, we Marines would be lost.

The respect with which our history was made is still the respect we earn today. It is a constant reminder that every step we take, every choice we make, should be tempered by what is written on our card, "integrity, responsibility, accountability."

Honor to our God, our country and to our Corps. It is our duty as Marines to not only earn the respect due to our Corps, but to protect that which has already been earned by the blood and sweat of our fellow Marines before us. Thus, our foundation will always remain firm,

and as Marines we will never step off.

Next on the card is courage. It is defined as, "Do the right thing in the right way for the right reasons."

Basically, make the right choice even if it's the hard one; especially if it's the hard one. As men and women of the armed forces, courage is important. But as Marines, it is a necessity. We are the first sent into combat; the first line of defense.

It is natural to fear the unknown. But as Marines, we must continually overcome that fear to be effective and get the job done. Our God, country and Corps deserve the best we have to offer. That doesn't leave a lot of room for excuses, nor should we make them.

For the United States Marine Corps, commitment is not just a command, it is a way of life. Everything we do as Marines involves commitment; from taking care of our families to uniform inspections, and physical fitness tests to the rifle range.

From the seemingly insignificant to the extremely important, Marines must have a sense of discipline, a sense of commitment.

Commitment is the very thing that binds the Marine Corps together; the glue that keeps us

strong. Without it, we would soon split off into fragments of "me, me, me." And there would be none of the vital commitment that keeps us a "WE."

Our card defines commitment as, "Devotion to the Corps and my fellow Marines." We should consider it an honor to be so devoted and a privilege to direct our loyalty to our God, our country and our Corps.

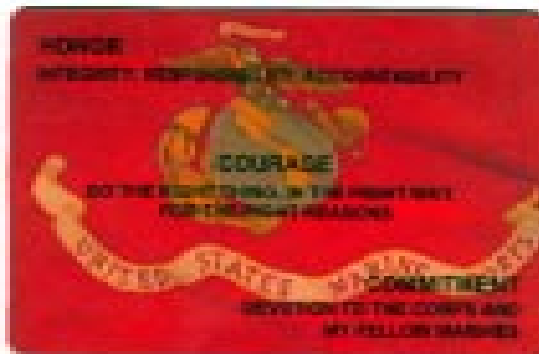
Honor, Courage and Commitment. It is more than just a card. We need to remember that the next time we take out our wallet and just happen to glance upon it. It is the heart of the Marine Corps.

Many Marines before us have given the greatest sacrifice with their lives. They have given it with honor, with courage and with commitment. Let us honor them with the same dedication.

It is not the card that defines a Marine. It is the Marine who defines the card.

From private first class to commanding general, this is the one bond that connects us all — the code of ethics we live by. Honor, Courage and Commitment — it is what has, what does and what always will define us as United States Marines.

— Sabrina Shen Christian,  
Former Marine and Marine wife



## What Would You Do?

The following examination of leadership issues is not intended to present right or wrong answers. The goal is to provide a forum to encourage leadership discussions of challenging issues. Chaplain responses are designed to provide moral and ethical guidance. Questions, comments or ideas for a future scenario may be submitted to: [editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil](mailto:editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil)

### Handling a heated situation

You are a private first class fresh out of your MOS school and stationed here on Okinawa. Everyone in your unit seems pretty locked on and squared away. After talking to your platoon sergeant you can tell he is tough but fair, just what you were expecting.

Your corporal tells you during morning formation that they are having an "indoctrination party" for you and the other new joins at 8 p.m. that night. He also tells you that it is a secret and you can't tell anyone and be sure to wear old clothes.

"Wow, I have only been on Okinawa a couple of days and I'm already being invited to parties."

At 8 p.m., your corporal is at the door to take you to the "party." On the way there he tells you that this "party" is strictly voluntary and you don't have to go through with it.

Now you start becoming concerned.

He goes on to tell you that this is how the Marines in your unit officially welcome the new joins. He tells you that no one has ever refused or "chickened out" before, but you are free to do so.

You don't want him to think that you're afraid, but you ask him what sort of stuff happens at the "party." He says that you won't find out until you get there and once you walk through the door it would be too late to back out.

You arrive at the room and it is time to decide. You hear a lot of yelling coming from the other side of the door. What do you do?

### What the Marines said

**Lance Corporal with MCB:** "No way am I going to the party. I'd go back to my barracks room and call my platoon sergeant and tell him I think there is hazing going on."

**Private First Class with 1st MAW:** "I wouldn't 'chicken out.' I would probably go through with it depending on what they were doing."

**Corporal with MCB:** "No tolerance means no tolerance. I learned that hazing is bad in boot camp. I'm calling the MPs."

### What the Chaplain said

Wanting to fit in is a basic human desire. We were created to be social creatures. We all want to be liked and accepted. Whether we realize it or not peer pressure is one of the most powerful forces in our lives. Sometimes it's a positive force that helps us to do our best. How many of us want to let our friends or coworkers down? Peer pressure can help to bond us together into a united team striving to reach a common goal. Unfortunately, it can also be a negative force, a force that tears apart unit cohesion. It can persuade us to do what we know is wrong.

In this scenario a Marine new to the unit is faced with an ethical dilemma. Does he go along with what he knows is wrong in an attempt to fit in, does he report it or does he just refuse to participate?

As members of the military we are bound by our oath to be men and women of principle. When faced with a difficult choice you might ask yourself the question, what is the right thing to do? What would I be comfortable doing if my commander was watching?

If we just go along with what we know is wrong we are really "chickening out" to our responsibilities to do what is right. If we refuse to participate but don't report the activity we are not helping all those who would be forced to face the same dilemma in the future. I would have to trust that my chain of command would work. I would report it to my platoon sergeant then follow up on what is being done. It may not be the easy thing to do but it's the right thing.

— Navy LT Michael J. Reckling, Chaplain, 3d Medical Battalion, 3d FSSG



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*The M198 Howitzers of Battery C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment headed for the cold weather and mountains of Hijudai for*



# Training among the hills

CPL KIMBERLY S. DOWELL  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**HIJUDAI, Japan** — Caked in mud and shivering in their cold-weather gear as they dug in for a two weeks of training here, the Marines could have been mistaken for infantrymen. But when more than 96,000 pounds of steel came barreling through the sludge, the difference between this unit and their brothers in the infantry became obvious; it was the size of their guns.

The M198 Howitzers of Battery C, 3d Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment headed for the cold weather and mountainous training area here in February to conduct the first live-fire exercise of their six-month deployment to Okinawa.

Leaving behind the warm, sunny climate of Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, for the subtropical jungles of Okinawa wasn't too difficult, according to GySgt Anthony S. Rucker, Battery Gunnery Sergeant.

But the snow and cold here presented a challenge for the Marines during their training. Some of the Marines headed back to the barracks after two weeks in the field checking inside their boots and gloves to ensure their fingers and toes were still there.

"Some of the Marines can just now feel their fingers and toes," said Capt Henry D. Brown, Battery Commanding Officer, three days after the unit had returned to base camp. "Some of these Marines had never seen snow. I am very proud of their perseverance and unstoppable motivation considering the weather and the terrain."

The Marines slept in tents tucked into hillsides around the various gun positions in the maneuver area. The cold, wet, weather first created mud, then frozen mud.

There was mud everywhere, according to Capt Brown. It got into boots, clothes, sleeping bags, tents, everything. And then it would freeze over-

night causing the boots and the clothes to be stiff as well as filthy.

The rough weather only added to the training experience.

"Situational training like this helps prepare us for the real thing," said Cpl Justin Jankowski, Radio Operator. "The cold weather adds to the realism and helps us prepare for combat."

During the "real thing," artillery units provide fire support to the maneuver element, usually an infantry unit. But the link between the trigger man on an M198 Howitzer and the infantry Marines is considerably more complicated than sighting in and firing.

Four elements work together to get the 100-pound artillery shells down range and on target.

Forward observers work with the supported element, moving into observation positions with the infantrymen. They serve as the eyes for the Marines who fire the howitzers.

Using digital and voice communication, they tell the Fire Support Coordination Center what the artillerymen are firing at, where the target is, how fast it's moving and other information.

The FSCC takes the "call for fire" information and determines the safest and most effective fire support. They determine whether the howitzers will be fired at all.

"The FSCC serves to prevent friendly fire," Capt Brown said. "The also prevent wasting ammo by coordinating with the other fire-support elements on the ground or in the air."

Once the FSCC approves the call for fire, the information is sent to the Fire Direction Center. In actuality, the information would be funneled first through a battalion level FDC and then forwarded to the battery level. The training here was battery level only.

The FDC determines the appropriate calculations for each round to be fired. Then they figure

out which direction, at what angle and how big of a bang is required.

The data is transmitted to the gun line where 8,000-pound barrels are aimed into the sky and finally, lanyards are pulled. Artillery rounds flash into the sky and then disappear over the horizon.

To the untrained eye, it appears as though the Marines are firing blind amidst a flurry of confusing jargon and smoking cannons.

"Every Marine in the battery has a unique role that can't be overlooked," Capt Brown said. "Every link from sensor to shooter is necessary."

Training here provides the unit the chance to practice essential movement skills. Artillery units move through a combat area in truck convoys. Some of the training areas they use do not provide multiple gun positions. The Marines utilized five gun positions during their most recent training.

"It is very important that we get to practice the maneuver training because often our missions are time dependent," GySgt Rucker said. "You can't take 20 minutes getting to a gun position when you've got an infantry unit waiting for fire support."

While spending most of their training time actually practicing the safe and effective completion of fire missions, the battery also devoted its time to basic combat training.

"Patrolling, land navigation, offensive and defensive operations are infantry skills essential to our success in combat," Capt Brown said. "We are a lot like an infantry unit. You kind of have to laugh because we'll be out in the mud, just like an infantry unit, busting out calculators and crunching numbers. We're part grunt, part geek."

"I feel certain the battery is more prepared for combat now than before they came here," Capt Brown said. "They showed great determination and I am very happy with how the training went. I believe few people could do what they did out there."



CPL. KIMBERLY S. DOWELL

PFC Kevin R. Boyce, Cannoneer, puts an M198 Howitzer on target during live-fire training at the Hijudai Maneuver Area.



CPL KIMBERLY S. DOWELL

Cpl Jorge L. Velazquez Jr. swabs the barrel of an M198 Howitzer as Cpl Nick A. Thomas looks on.



PFC TIFFANY MANSFIELD

LCpl Cody A. Coltrin sports the latest in cold-weather gear.



PFC TIFFANY MANSFIELD

Cpl David G. Taylor and LCpl Paul D. Morgan carry an artillery round on a loading tray.

# 9th ESB lends a helping hand



PHOTOS BY PFC DAMIAN J. MCGEE

The Marines with 9th ESB, 3d FSSG, run anywhere from 15-18 trucks per day, which make more than 150 trips per day.

## *Hansen Marines participate in Exercise Tayoreru Partner, practice humanitarian assistance*

PFC DAMIAN J. MCGEE  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**IE SHIMA** — Marines are known for their readiness and ability to assist people around the world who may be in trouble or just need a helping hand.

The Marines of 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3d Force Service Support Group, recently practiced these skills here during Exercise Tayoreru (Credible) Partner.

The exercise focused on establishing a support operation capable of sustaining a group as large as a Marine Expeditionary Brigade, deployed for humanitarian assistance or contingency operations.

The Marines left Camp Hansen and came to the tiny island with some major training goals to accomplish during the exercise.

The Marines produced 100,000 gallons of water per day and established a 600,000 gallon fuel distribution system. Water was substituted for the fuel during the exercise.

"We want to show our Marines how to handle big operations," said LtCol Brian J. Hearnberger, Commanding Officer, 9th ESB. "When they finish this evolution, they will have the ability to provide support

in any theater."

The exercise was divided into four sections: coral relocation, water purification, refueling operations and camp support.

The coral relocation portion of the exercise is part of an effort to help local residents clear out excess coral.

Ie Shima citizens dug up thousands of cubic yards of coral to provide more farming land, leaving a large mass of coral in the middle of the island.

By removing the pile of coral, the Marines turned the citizens' initial effort into an overall benefit.

"We're using the coral to provide additional areas for the citizens to farm on," LtCol Hearnberger said. "We've also transported coral to local municipal facilities to improve the surfaces for vehicle traffic."

The Marines also trained to support a unit of nearly 20,000 Marines with water for hygiene equipment using nine of its Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units that are capable of producing approximately 110,000 liters of fresh water daily.

"What we're doing on a daily basis gives me an indescribable sense of accomplishment," said Cpl Raymond Prostrero, Hygiene Equip-



Cpl Raymond Prostrero, Hygiene Equipment Operator, 9th ESB, checks the tightness of the bolts on the water purification system.

ment Operator, 9th ESB. "People can't live without water, and with our systems, they have that."

Cpl Prostrero said he mostly likes the environment he provides for his fellow Marines.

"We make the field environment as livable as possible by providing showers and laundry services," Cpl Prostrero said.

The exercise also provided the Marines a chance to practice their electric missions. The Marines trained to provide millions of watts of electricity.

"These Marines will, without a doubt, be more prepared now," LtCol Hearnberger said. "That's exactly what these types of exercises are designed to accomplish."



PFC TIFFANY MANSFIELD

Before leaving Hijudai, Marines from all sections within the deployed unit worked together to clean vehicles. Cpl Junior Hamilton uses a power sprayer to get the dirt off the undercarriage of a humvee. Large, cement pits in the cleaning bays made cleaning the undersides of vehicles easier for the Marines.

# For the Marines of the Motor Transport Section, Battery C, 3d Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, their job is simply to keep the artillery **mobile**

CPL KIMBERLY S. DOWELL  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**HIJUDAI, Japan** — When a Marine's weapon weighs more than 16,000 pounds, having a motor transportation crew to help get it to the fight goes well beyond convenience, it is necessity.

"Every combat unit in the Marine Corps has to shoot, move and communicate," said GySgt Gregg White, Motor Transport Chief, Battery C, 3d Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment. "But in an artillery unit, the relationship between shooting and moving is circular. Without the guns, there is no need for the trucks. Without the trucks, there is no way to move the guns. Motor transport provides an equally important link in the overall battery operation."

Infantry Marines carry everything they need into combat on foot. An artillery battery differs from an infantry unit. The artillerymen use a larger weapon system and need trucks to move that weapon system.

Practicing as they would fight, Btry C, 3/12 tackled a two-week live-fire training exercise here. They took four M198 Howitzers with them pulled by five-ton trucks.

The training not only gave the cannoners the opportunity to practice their shooting skills, it also gave the motor transportation crew the chance to practice moving the guns in difficult terrain and weather conditions.

"The challenges here were exponential," GySgt White said. "They built on each other. The terrain combined with the weather, making already difficult terrain even more challenging."

The Motor Transport crew faced their first cold-weather training exercise head on, meeting every challenge, according to GySgt White.

Narrow, dirt roads in areas where the Marines trained were muddy and slick after intermittent snow and rain. Trucks and guns slid into ditches or became stuck in the thick, black sludge.

The drivers learned to use the overnight freeze to their benefit, moving vehicles and trailers after the ground froze and would support the load weight.

In addition to difficulties moving vehicles, the crew handled the added maintenance problems cold weather creates.

"Cold temperatures shrink parts," GySgt White said. "You have to get the vehicles cold to see these weaknesses. We don't get the chance to deal with these problems in Hawaii."

GySgt White offered the example of shrinking hoses as an ongoing maintenance problem the motor transportation crew dealt with. When warm, the rubber hoses expand.

"In a vehicle such as a five-ton truck, which is notorious for air leaks, when the hoses shrink, more leaks appear, almost like magic," said LCpl Ricardo Slowley, Motor Transportation Mechanic, Btry C, 3/12. "In the cold we spend a lot of time tightening hoses and repairing leaks."

Supporting the artillery battery's movement from one gun position to the next requires keeping the trucks rolling.

The drivers, mechanics and other Marines in the motor transport crew don't sit back in their warm humvees while the battery performs live-fire missions. They practice their infantry skills by performing guard duty and patrols as a security force for the gun position.

"We support every aspect of the artillery battery from driving the guns and delivering ammo to other support billets," GySgt White said. "This is a pretty young battery and the Marines did extremely well considering their level of experience and the conditions."

This kind of training helps all facets of the battery see how interdependent they are on one another, according to GySgt White.

"Without the guns, we're grunts," GySgt White said. "And without the trucks, we're tired grunts."



CPL KIMBERLY S. DOWELL

Cold, snowy nights left roads frozen and slick, but with the morning sun came muddy, rutted roads and stuck trucks. The terrain and weather challenged the skills of the motor transport section of Battery C during their live fire-training exercise.



LCPL KATHY J. ARNDT  
LCpl Matthew P. Martinez, Stinger Gunner, 1st Stinger Btry, MACG-18, 1st MAW, holds a Stinger guided missile system while Cpl Bradley D. Strohl, Stinger Gunner, 1st Stinger Btry, MACG-18, 1st MAW, holds up a flame from a light to help explain the features of the weapon to a group of sixth grade students from E.C. Killin Elementary School.

## Students learn about Marines

Killin Elementary School children participate in Job Shadowing Day

LCPL KATHY J. ARNDT  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA** — Ninety students from E.C. Killin Elementary School visited here Feb. 2 to learn more about the Marines and their jobs during Job Shadowing Day.

The students visited Marine Air Control Squadron-4, Marine Air Control Group-18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, to learn about the jobs of the Tactical Air Operation Center.

"We gave them a brief scope on what we do," said Capt Victor A. Pastor, Deck Commander, Tactical Air Operation, MACS-4, MACG-18, 1st MAW. "With an unusual Military Occupational Specialty like ours, it gave them a view of a different aspect of the Marine Corps."

When the students arrived, they were split into groups of 25 to tour the center. During the tour,



LCPL KATHY J. ARNDT  
Christinia Jemison (center), 11-year-old sixth grader, E.C. Killin Elementary School, controls the Avenger Missile System during the Job Shadowing Day at MACS-4, MACG-18, 1st MAW.

the students received a short brief on the center and had the opportunity to get some hands on training.

"We gave them the chance to see 1st Stinger Battery, radios, and radar," Capt Pastor said.

The students were allowed to work the controls on an Avenger Missile System, talk to each other on radios in the Tactical Air Operation Module, and touch the radar's finger-on-glass equipment.

As the students moved from one area to another, they had many opportunities to talk to Marines and ask them questions. Some Marines put camouflage paint on faces of the students as an extra touch for their military tour.

"We were able to talk to Marines and see what they do," said Kristi Mason, 11, a Killin six-grader. "We even got to put on cammie paint and look like Marines."

The Job Shadow Day was a great opportunity for

the students to see Marines, but it was also a great opportunity for the Marines.

"Doing things like this gives us a good break from the stresses of work," said Cpl Joseph J. Juneman, Tactical Air Electronic Operator, MACS-4, MACG-18. "We also learned more about children as well as ourselves."

It not only gave them the opportunity to learn more about themselves, it gave them the opportunity to learn more about their job.

"To be able to explain to children in layman's terms about their jobs, they must first know a great deal about their job," Capt Pastor said. "They did great explaining their job, and I think the children walked away with a good understanding about what we do."

"The main focus of this day was to teach the children that whatever job they do, teamwork is essential, and I think we did that," Cpl Juneman said.

## Fifth-graders graduate Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program

CPL CHAD SWAIM  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — Eighty-seven fifth-grade students from Edward C. Killin Elementary School graduated from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program here Jan. 31.

The 17-week program focused on



CPL CHAD SWAIM  
As part of their final class project, Jessica Hardison, 11, (left) and Markasia Gantt, 11, give their portion of a Power Point presentation during the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program graduation.

informing young students about the problems and situations that occur with drug use or when people offer them drugs, according to LCpl Jerry D. Wilkins, DARE Coordinator.

"It also gives them some knowledge about gangs, good and bad peer pressure and gives them an idea about what they can do to avoid that situation," LCpl Wilkins said.

"I think it helped my child realize the downside of drug use," said MGySgt John L. Sini, Legal Services Chief, Legal Services Support Section, 3d Force Service Support Group. "She realized that she is in charge of her own life."

During the welcoming speech by LCpl Nathan E. Crocker, DARE Coordinator, he said that drugs take the lives of 52,000 people a year in the United States. The school's vice principal, Hal Behnke, also told the children that with the right training and enough willpower they can make a lifelong commitment to doing the right thing by resisting drugs and alcohol.

After Behnke finished his speech, the four graduating classes presented their class projects.

The first project was a rap song about what the DARE program meant

to the children. The song, entitled "DARE Rap," was about resisting drugs and driving under the influence of alcohol.

The second project was a short play called "No is the Key," which was about an English girl who has just come to America and the choices she makes when offered drugs.

A mock basketball game made up the third project. During the game, two teams took turns trying to put the ball through the hoop. One team made antidrug statements and the other made pro-drug statements during each shot. The antidrug team walked away with an 18-0 victory.

The final class project was a Power Point presentation titled "Geckos DARE'n" in which each child gave a part of the presentation.

Following the class projects, LCpl Crocker took the stage to introduce the guest speaker, LtCol Donald J. Anderson, Provost Marshal, Camp Butler. During his speech he noted that the DARE program started 17 years ago in Los Angeles with only 10 instructors and has now spread to 51 countries around the world.

"It's important to me that you all understand how important you are,"

LtCol Anderson said. "The things you've learned in the DARE program these last few weeks do not just apply at school, but continue throughout your life."

As part of the DARE program the students were asked to write a 500-word essay about what the program means to them. Five students, Ashley Annis, 10; Sam Hinman, 10; Tori Mittelman, 11; Ellen Peterson, 11; and Meghan Prude, 11, were selected to read their essays aloud and were presented trophies.

The graduating students were then presented with their certificates for successfully completing the DARE program.

One student was then recognized for the hours of work outside of class she did to organize a letter writing campaign in which second through sixth-grade students wrote letters to President George W. Bush about how dangerous drugs are and how much they dislike them. Christa Sini was called to the stage to be presented with a stuffed animal named Daren.

"We are going to send letters to our President to see if he will try to stop drug abuse and get DARE classes in all the schools in America," Sini said.

Hornet Yoshiki takes a hard kick from Koki Abe at the third annual Ultimate Fight Night at the Globe and Anchor, Camp Foster, Feb. 18.

*Kick boxers square off at*

# Ultimate Fight Night III

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** —With flying fists, swinging legs and a knock out or two, fighters entertained a crowd of fight-thirsty fans here Feb. 18.

Kick boxers of different skill levels competed at the Globe & Anchor Club in the third annual Ultimate Fight Night.

The night featured six ring-rocking events, lasting three rounds of three minutes each, and special guest Dan "The Beast" Severn, who is the Ultimate Fighting Championship and National Wrestling Alliance champion.

The event, organized by Marine Corps Community Service and Eddie Erazo, also featured martial arts demonstrations by Takako Nakasone and the Ryukyu Dancers.

The first fight of the night pitted Koki Abe and Hornet Yoshiki. The two fighters were evenly matched and exchanged blows back and forth throughout the match. The fight went the distance and forced a decision by the judges which went to Yoshiki.

The next fight featured the limber Bob Fuji and the equally flexible Tatsushiro Ono. Kicks flew and bodies were battered, but in the first two minutes and 21 seconds, Ono missed Fuji with a spinning kick leaving himself wide open. Fuji took advantage and pummeled Ono, knocking him out in the first round.

The crowd was roaring from the display of the fierce battle and were hungry for more.

The third fight between Osamu Karino and Takashi Abe lasted only one minute and 20 seconds before Karino rocked Abe's world with a se-

ries of kicks and punches.

"Abe's eyes were in the back of his head," said fight fan Ty Matheny. "I wish they would have kept it going but it was obvious that he was not ready."

The audience took a 15-minute break to regroup for the special fight of the night which had Champion Kick Boxer Yabiku Taketsugu face Full Contact Karate Champion Irisuji Kenyu.

This match had both disciplines of fighters exchanging hard-hitting blows and powerful kicks. However, midway through the second round it was clear that Taketsugu had the advantage. From here he never looked back as he gave the black belt everything he had until the close of the third round, when judges and fans both sided with Taketsugu to give him the overwhelming victory.

The fifth match also went the distance when Nobuyuki Izumi outlasted Shoji Matsushima to receive a narrow decision from the judges.

The main and final fight matched Takatora Funaki and Takahiro Sasara during three hard-fought rounds. The two fighters kept fans on their toes as they went at it like "Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots." Sasara went down many times during this bout, and every time he got up ready to fight more. Fans soon got behind Sasara pushing him to survive the third round. Although Sasara did not win the fight, he did earn the respect of the crowd and his opponent, who came over to his corner and congratulated him on a well-fought match.

Afterward, fans got an opportunity to get autographs and have their pictures taken with Severn. Severn told fans he enjoyed Okinawa and would love to come here again.



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(above) Takahiro Sasara, gets a quick drink of water between rounds at the Ultimate Fight Night III held at Globe and Anchor, Camp Foster, Feb. 18.

Irisuji Kenyu (left), Contact Karate Champion, prepares to take a swing at Yabiku Taketsugu, Kickboxer, during the Ultimate Fight Night III, at the Globe and Anchor, Camp Foster, Feb. 18.



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*The Kadena Marina  
offers service members a  
chance to charter a boat and  
head out into the East China  
Sea in search of*



*Darling's Dream,*  
skipped by Dave L.  
Darling, takes customers  
out from the Kadena  
Marina for a chance to  
see humpback whales.

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# A Whale of a Sight



Humpback whale breaching

CAPT LARRY DUPLER

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**KADENA AIR BASE** – The early morning smell of the ocean filters through the air as a 40-foot boat cuts through the waves at 20 knots searching for whales.

At the Kadena Marina, customers can enjoy this modern day whale-hunting experience between January and March.

The tours bring whale seekers to the blue waters around the Kerama Islands. Pods of mating whales are often found in this area.

"People can see pilot and humpback whales, which come around this time of year to migrate and breed," said Dave L. Darling, Skipper of Darling's Dream; which can hold up to 16 passengers.

Humpback whales live between 30-40 years and can average 50 feet in length and weigh 30-40 tons. With the use of baleen plates, not teeth, these whales eat krill and other small fish.

Pilot whales can reach a length of 20 feet and may weigh up to 3.5 tons. These whales travel in groups called pods which can number as many as 50.

When a group of whales is found, the boats follow them closely, but are restricted to be a minimum of 100 yards from the whales.

"Even though we have to be 100 yards from the whales, they have come within feet of the boat," Darling said.

Whales have been seen performing a variety of tricks.

"Sometimes they do their dances for people," Darling said.

While on the tour, customers can observe "dancing" whales executing a variety of movements within clear view of the water's surface.

"It was an interesting trip, but I wish I could have seen more whales," said Nicole D. Angeles, whale watcher, who saw approximately three to four whales during her tour.

Eight hours on the ocean might seem like a long time, but for some it's their only chance to see whales.

"Most places don't offer people a chance to get this experience, but here we offer them this opportunity," Darling said.

"This was my first trip," said David A. Woody, whale watcher. "I had seen them on TV before, but seeing them in real life was totally awesome."

A tour on Darling's Dream costs \$45 for children and \$55 for adults, and may cost as much as \$800 for a private charter.

"Chasin' Tales" and "Cheers," which hold a maximum of 10 people each and costs between \$40 for children and \$500 for private charters, are two other boats that are available for whale watching groups or private charters.

Customers are advised to dress warmly and bring waterproof jackets, according to Darling.

Sunscreen, food and drinks, cameras and sun-



The tail fin of a humpback whale breaks the surface of the water.

CAPT LARRY DUPLER

glasses may be brought as well. Coolers will be provided on the boats. Customers should bring yen since some tours may stop at the Kerama Islands.

If bad weather is apparent from the start of a tour, it is rescheduled or refunded. However, there are no refunds for not seeing any whales during a normal tour, according to Sheri L. Sisco, Lead Sales Clerk, Kadena Marina.

Tours leave between 7:30 and 8 a.m. from Kadena Marina.

If interested in scheduling a tour contact Kadena Marina at 634-6344.



## AUTOMOBILES/MOTORCYCLES

**1987 Nissan Blue Bird** — JCI Jul 02, \$1,250 OBO. **1988 Toyota Corolla** — \$1,500 OBO. Bobby, 646-6286 or 090-3795-9514.  
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**1989 Toyota MR2** — JCI Jul 01, \$1,500. J-Dee, 622-6314.  
**1987 Toyota Master Ace** — JCI Feb 03, \$2,000 OBO. 623-6421.  
**1991 Toyota Camry** — JCI Jul 02, \$2,300 OBO. Teddy, 636-1155.  
**1989 Mazda** — JCI Jun 02, \$1,200. 633-9154.  
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**1987 Toyota Town Ace** — JCI Apr 02, \$900 OBO. Jerry, 637-3189.  
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**1992 Nissan Presea** — JCI Oct 02, \$1,800 OBO. Eliseo, 622-8201.  
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**1987 Toyota Town Ace** — JCI Feb 03, \$2,000. 939-6491.  
**1988 Nissan Largo** — JCI May 01, Free need work. 622-8589.  
**1994 Nissan Pulsar** — JCI Feb 03, \$2,500. 646-6267.  
**1988 Honda Prelude** — JCI Dec 01, \$1,600 OBO. 090-1087-4611.  
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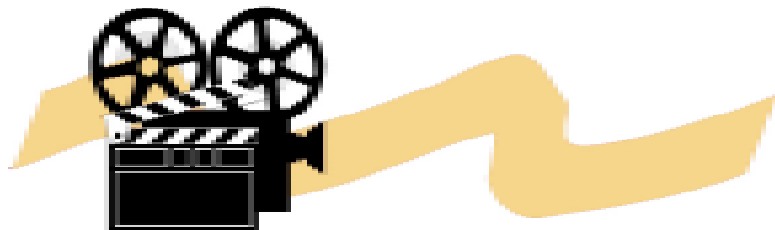


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# Coming to a theater near you ...



Feature programs and start times are subject to change without notice. **Call theaters in advance to confirm showtimes.** Second evening movies will vary when the program runs longer than 120 minutes.

## Courtney (622-9616)

**Fri** 3,000 Miles to Graceland (R); 7:00  
**Sat** Almost Famous (R); 7:00  
**Sun** Vertical Limit (PG13); 7:00  
**Mon** Closed  
**Tue** Closed  
**Wed** Emporor's New Groove (PG13); 7:00  
**Thu** Closed

## Butler

(645-3465)

**Fri** Sweet November (PG13); 7:00, 10:30  
**Sat** Red Planet (PG13); 1:00  
**Sat** Family Man (PG13); 4:00, 7:00  
**Sat** Sweet November (PG13); 10:00  
**Sun** Red Planet (PG13); 1:00  
**Sun** Sweet November (PG13); 4:00, 7:00  
**Mon** Dude, Where's My Car? (PG13); 7:00  
**Tue** Family Man (PG13); 7:00



**Check Courtney, Butler, Keystone, Kinser and Schwab Theaters for show times.**

**Wed** Dude, Where's My Car? (PG13); 7:00  
**Thu** 3,000 Miles to Graceland (R); 7:00

## Kinser

(637-2177)

**Fri** Vertical Limit (PG13); 7:00  
**Sat** Red Planet (PG13); 3:00  
**Sat** Dude, Where's My Car? (PG13); 7:00, 11:30  
**Sun** Family Man (PG13); 7:00  
**Mon** Closed  
**Tue** Red Planet (PG13); 7:00  
**Wed** 3,000 Miles to Graceland (R); 7:00  
**Thu** Family Man (PG13); 7:00

## Keystone

(634-1869)

**Fri** Charlies Angels (PG13); 6:30  
**Fri** Almost Famous (R); 9:00  
**Sat** Dude, Where's My Car? (PG13); 1:00  
**Sat** Family Man (PG13); 5:30  
**Sat** 3,000 Miles to Graceland (R); 8:30  
**Sun** Family Man (PG13); 2:00  
**Sun** 3,000 Miles to Graceland



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(R); 5:30, 9:00  
**Mon** Red Planet (PG13); 7:00  
**Tue** Red Planet (PG13); 7:00  
**Wed** Family Man (PG13); 7:00  
**Thu** Family Man (PG13); 7:00

## Futenma

(636-3890)

**Fri** Dungeons and Dragons (PG13); 7:30  
**Sat** Vertical Limit (PG13); 6:00  
**Sun** Charlies Angels (PG13); 6:00  
**Mon** Hannibal (R); 7:30  
**Tue** Closed  
**Wed** Sweet November (PG13); 7:30  
**Thu** Closed

## Schwab

(625-2333)

**Fri** Almost Famous (R); 7:00  
**Sat** Charlies Angels (PG13); 6:00  
**Sat** Vertical Limit (PG13); 9:00  
**Sun** Charlies Angels (PG13); 3:00  
**Sun** Vertical Limit (PG13); 6:00  
**Mon** 3,000 Miles to Graceland (R); 7:00  
**Tue** 3,000 Miles to Graceland (PG13); 7:00  
**Wed** Closed  
**Thu** Red Planet (PG13); 7:00

## Hansen

(623-4564)

**Fri** Valentine (R); 6:00, 9:00  
**Sat** Valentine (R); 6:00, 9:00  
**Sun** Family Man (PG13); 2:00, 5:30  
**Mon** The Legend of Drunken Master (R); 7:00  
**Tue** Dungeons and Dragons (PG13); 7:00  
**Wed** Dude, Where's My Car? (PG13); 7:00  
**Thu** Dude, Where's My Car? (PG13); 7:00